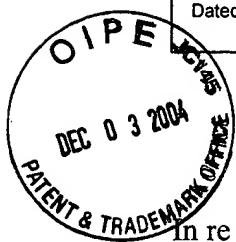


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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated July 7, 2004, for which a response was due on October 7, 2004. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a two-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to December 7, 2004. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Also included herewith are the following exhibits:

Exhibit A: Krensky et al., *J. Exp. Med.* 183:339-48 (1996).

Exhibit B: Ling et al., *Transplantation* 70:662 (2000) (Abstract).